

Re: Request for letter of support from Council Dis...

**Subject:** Re: Request for letter of support from Council District 10  
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Hope this works dear friend. Nothing will ever work until the homeless want to get well. Unfortunately there is little will for a life change. But give it a try. Let's see what happens. Healing must come first then housing will happen. A person with gangrene in his feet must heal first before new shoes are provided . My best to you

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On May 16, 2018, at 6:29 PM, Marc Tavakoli <[marc@mdtproperties.com](mailto:marc@mdtproperties.com)> <<mailto:marc@mdtproperties.com>> wrote:

Father Bakas –

I always find myself agreeing with you in every regard, but I have to disagree with you on this. I think there is a greater likelihood of healing people if they are in the shelter as opposed to being on the streets. The homeless are already there, as are the needles and waste. I don't think there is much healing going on under current circumstances. The shelter will not solve everything... not even close. But I think it may serve as conduit for some people to get the healing they need and hopefully find a way off the streets. It may or may not work, but I think it is worth a try. We are in a critical situation and need to try anything we can.

Marc Tavakoli

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I cannot support this proposal. The homeless will just do what they did at the Santa Anna river. There will be needles and human waste all over the place and endanger kids going to school and merchants in the area. The homeless need healing FIRST and housing will follow

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On May 16, 2018, at 12:27 PM, Moises Gomez <[moises@lani.org](mailto:moises@lani.org)> <<mailto:moises@lani.org>> wrote:

Dear Board Members,

I am passing along a request for a letter of support for Councilmember of District 10, Herb Wesson from the BLQ BID.

This letter is to demonstrate community support for the proposed conversion of a City of LA owned parking lot located at 682 S. Vermont Ave <<https://goo.gl/maps/JRnYa8s9z9o>> to a temporary homeless support housing.

I have attached a draft of the letter for your review and approval.

The BLQ BID is not taking a position on this matter and leaves it up to the Board to decide how to proceed with this request.

Sincerely,

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